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TAGS: ENRG, TH

SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

1. THE ELECTRICITY GENERATING AUTHORITY OF THAILAND (EGAT) SUBMITTED ITS LATEST PROPOSAL LAST WEEK TO RTG TO BUILD A 600 MW NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS PROPOSALS, THE LATEST ONE INCLUDED RESULTS AND ANALYSIS OF SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ADDRESSING THE OFTEN CONTROVERSIAL PROBLEMS OF POLLUTION AND CONTAMINATION.

2. THE PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (NESDB), EGAT'S USUAL CHANNEL, IT WAS ALSO SUBMITTED TO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BOONCHAI BAMRUNGPONG, WHO IS SAID TO HIGHLY FAVOR THE PROJECT. EGAT IS HOPEFUL THAT NESDB WILL HAVE COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE PROPOSAL AND MADE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CABINET BY THE FIRST OF APRIL. THE CABINET'S DECISION IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ANOTHER MONTH. IF AND WHEN APPROVED BY THE CABINET, TENDERS WILL BE INVITED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

3. COST OF THE PROJECT IS NOW ESTIMATED AT 14 BILLION BAHT (\$686.3 MILLION), UP 3 BILLION BAHT FROM THE LAST ESTIMATE. THESE COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE ESTIMATES FOR FUEL (1 BILLION BAHT) NOR FOR A SUBSTATION (500 MILLION BAHT) INCLUDED IN THE PLAN. EGAT, IN ADDITION TO ITS OWN FUNDS, PLANS TO OBTAIN FINANCING

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THROUGH EXPORT-IMPORT BANKS AND SUPPLIERS' CREDIT.

4. THE PLAN WAS INITIALLY CONCEIVED AS A TURNKEY PROJECT AND LATER EGAT DECIDED ON THE CONVENTIONAL PROCUREMENT METHOD SUPPOSEDLY FOR ECONOMY REASONS. TURNKEY IS NOW HIGHLY PREFERRED FOR THAILAND'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT BECAUSE OF THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED AND ITS PROVISIONS FOR EFFICIENT

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT.

5. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ON SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
APPROPRIATE AMERICAN ENGINEERS, CONTRACTORS, AND SUPPLIERS OF
EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT MR. KASAME CHATIKA-
VANIJ, ELECTRICITY GENERATING AUTHORITY OF THAILAND, NONTHABURI,
THAILAND.

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